
MEMORANDUM

TO: Distributed Generation NOI, D.T.E. 02-38 Distribution List

FROM: William H. Stevens, Jr., Hearing Officer

RE: Proposed Uniform Standards for Interconnecting Distributed Generation in Massachusetts and Request to file Interconnection Tariff on April 15, 2003

DATE: March 5, 2003

CC: Mary Cottrell, Secretary
Staff as Assigned

On October 3, 2002, the Department directed the Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, NSTAR Electric, and Western Massachusetts Electric Company (together, "Distribution Companies") to commence a collaborative process to propose, for Department approval, interconnection standards, policies, and procedures for distributed generation that would be uniformly applicable to all Distribution Companies. Distributed Generation NOI, D.T.E. 02-38-A at 3-4 (2002). The Department directed the collaborative participants to provide a single joint report outlining the results of the collaborative process, including, but not limited to, a listing and description of areas of agreement and description of issues that remain unresolved. Id. The Department also noted that there would be an opportunity to comment on the joint report. Id. In response, Distribution Companies, distributed generation providers, government and quasi-government agencies, consumers, and public interest groups formed the Massachusetts Distributed Generation Interconnection Collaborative ("Collaborative").

On March 4, 2003, the Collaborative filed Proposed Uniform Standards for Interconnecting Distributed Generation in Massachusetts ("Proposed Standards"). The Collaborative also requested that the Proposed Standards be codified as an interconnection standards tariff that could apply to all Distribution Companies. The Collaborative stated that it was not able to finalize the tariff language and requested a deadline of April 15, 2003 to submit the proposed tariff to the Department. I find that the Collaborative has stated good cause for filing the tariff on April 15, 2003, and hereby grant the request. In addition, I conclude it would be appropriate to request comments on the Proposed Standards after the Collaborative submits the interconnection standards tariff.